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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, please consider the following:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.